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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	10/092,096
Filing Date	March 6, 2002
First Named Inventor	S. Donnel
Art Unit	1761
Examiner Name	S. Weinstein
Attorney Docket Number	703254-2001

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on March 29, 2004 (a copy of which is enclosed).
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on *
- ii. Other
- b. Enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of * months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other *

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Docket No. 703254-2001 Deposit Account No. 50-2518
- i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) for \$770.00
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other
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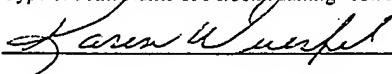
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In re Application of: Inventors: S. Donnel <i>et al.</i> Application No: 10/092,096 Filing Date: March 6, 2002 Title: DEVICE FOR FORMING AN IMPRESSION ON MEAT PRODUCTS AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME Prior Docket No.: C945 47607 New Docket No.: 703254-2001	Art Unit: 1761 Examiner: S. Weinstein <u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</u> <u>UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8</u> Date of Deposit: March 29, 2004 I hereby certify that this paper and all enclosures are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. Type or Print Name of Person Mailing: Karen Wuerfel 
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

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Commissioner:

In response to the final Office Action of February 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: